

Micah Spencer House
87 Thames Street
Newport, Rhode Island
Newport County

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<u>Owner:</u>	Frank David, 11 Everett St., Newport, R.I.
<u>Date of Erection:</u>	About 1720
<u>Architect:</u>	Unknown
<u>Builder:</u>	Unknown
<u>Present Condition:</u>	House in very poor condition. First floor has been remodelled into stores, one of which is occupied by a Chinese laundry- the other empty. Second and third floors unoccupied except for colored tenant in one-half of second floor. Partitions have been changed and some of the original framework removed. Several extensions added.
<u>Number of stories:</u>	Basement with two stories and attic above.
<u>Materials of Construction:</u>	Foundations of stone and fireplaces and chimney of brick. Exterior walls clapboarded-interior walls and ceilings plastered. Composition roofing over wood shingles.
<u>Other Existing Records:</u>	"Early Rhode Island House" P. 60-63- N.M. Isham. "Early Rhode Island Homes"- Antoinette F. Downing, Drawings-Measured draw- ing with door and windows restored

according to an old photograph, side elevation, showing fireplace and old sheathing in garret P. 78.

Drawing- restored drawing of fireplace in upper north room, showing rounded side walls. P. 82. Both drawings reproduced from Historic American Buildings Survey.

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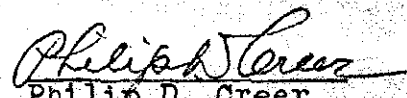
Reference found in Transcript of Records in City Hall, Newport, R.I. dated Feb. 4, 1761, Book 33, p. 186 of a Boundary agreement between Micah W. Spencer and Henry Jackson.

Property was sold by Sheriff's Deed, dated May 19, 1772. Property sold several times.

On December 15, 1838 Phebe Eddy deeded to Micah W. Spencer, consideration \$400 "a certain part of the lot of land and dwelling house...dwelling house hereby conveyed being the North part of said dwelling House. It is agreed by the parties to this deed for themselves and their heirs and assigns forever that the front door front entry and stairs are to be for the common use of both parties to this instrument their heirs and assigns forever, and that Phebe Eddy, her heirs and assigns or whoever may occupy the south part of said dwelling house shall have free and uninterrupted privilege to the use of said well of water at all times forever."

In 1919 David Fischel et Barney Wilsker obtained property.

In 1931 Frank David inherited from David Fischel (Trustees National Exchange Bank, Newport, R.I. et David Rose.


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